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**FREE TESTING OFFERED IN OBSERVANCE OF
NATIONAL BLACK HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY**
Know Your Status. Get Tested.



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Pensacola, Fla. – February 7th marks the 18th year of the National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD) observance. This observance provides us the opportunity to remember those we have lost and to raise awareness on the importance of getting tested.

African Americans represent only 14 percent of the U.S. population, but account for almost half of all new HIV infections in the United States each year. Last year in Escambia County, FL, African Americans made up 46% of reported HIV cases, even though they account for only 23% of the population.

In observance of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County is offering HIV testing and additional syphilis screening at no charge. Participants will receive T-shirts and refreshments while supplies last.

CDC recommends everyone between the ages of 15 and 65 get tested for HIV at least once and persons at an increased risk be tested at least once a year.

WHAT: Free HIV testing and syphilis screening

WHEN: Friday, February 5, 2016
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Cobb Community Center
601 East Mallory Street
Pensacola, FL 32501

Know your status. Get tested. Learn more at www.EscambiaHealth.com.

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